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H. CON. RES. 239

Concerning the 27th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the 27th anniversary of the reunification of
Jerusalem.

Whereas for 3,000 years Jerusalem has been the focal point
of Jewish religious devotion;

Whereas Jerusalem is also considered a holy city by the mem-
bers of other religious faiths;

Whereas the once thriving Jewish majority of the historic Old
City of Jerusalem was driven out by force during the
1948 Arab-Israeli War;

Whereas from 1948 to 1967 Jerusalem was a divided city
and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jewish citizens
of all states were denied access to holy sites in the area
controlled by Jordan;

Whereas in 1967 Jerusalem was reunited during the conflict
known as the Six Day War;

Whereas since 1967 Jerusalem has been a united city administered by Israel and persons of all religious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city;

Whereas this year marks the 27th year that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified city in which the rights of all faiths have been respected and protected;

Whereas in 1990 the United States Senate and House of Representatives overwhelmingly adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and House Concurrent Resolution 290 declaring that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, “must remain an undivided city”;

Whereas subsequent statements by the Government of the United States, including support for United Nations Security Council Resolutions 681 and 726, have raised understandable concern in Israel that Jerusalem might one day be redivided and access to religious sites in Jerusalem denied to Israeli citizens of all faiths and Jewish citizens of other states; and

Whereas such concerns inhibit and complicate the search for a lasting peace in the region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) congratulates the residents of Jerusalem
4 and the people of Israel on the 27th anniversary of
5 the reunification of that historic city;

6 (2) strongly believes that Jerusalem must re-
7 main an undivided city in which the rights of every
8 ethnic and religious group are protected as they
9 have been by Israel during the past 27 years;

1 (3) strongly believes that an undivided Jerusa-
2 lem must remain the capital of Israel; and

3 (4) calls upon the President and the Secretary
4 of State to issue an unequivocal statement in sup-
5 port of these principles.

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